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Hongkong, January 4, 1908.

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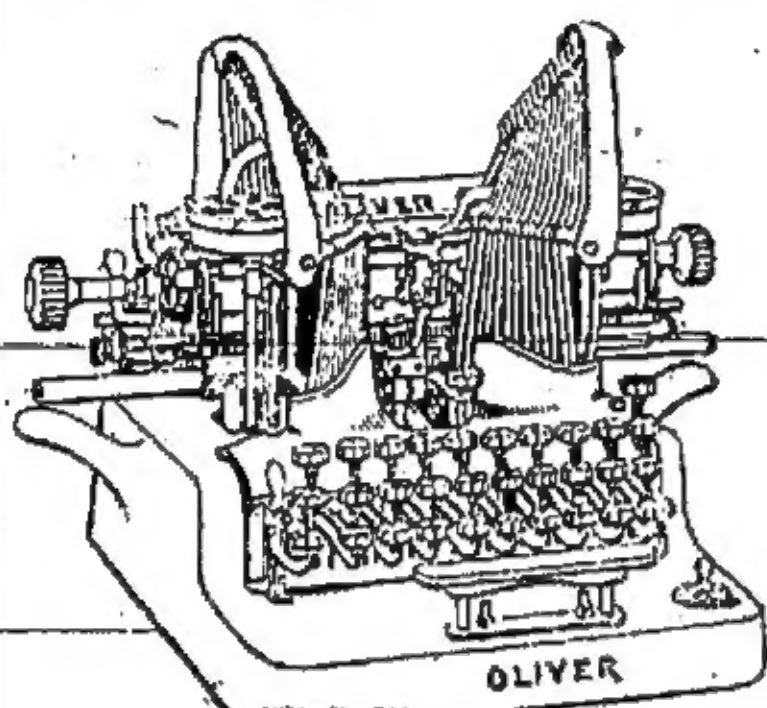
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deficiency is to a certain extent made good
by a wonderful system of inland navigation,
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the country's agricultural, mineral and
manufacturing industries has been greatly
retarded by the lack of transport facilities.
According to the latest available statis-
tics, China, with an area of over 1,600,000
square miles and a population in excess of
400,000,000 has under 2,000 miles of rail-
ways in operation, comparing with 23,000
miles in the United Kingdom, with an area
of barely 242,000 square miles and a popu-
lation of about 4,000 of the inhabitants, in China
the proportion is one mile for 200,000 of
the people. During the past few years
railway construction in China has pro-
ceeded at a fairly satisfactory rate, at first
with foreign (mainly British) capital and
more recently under Government control;
and by no means the least interest-
ing portion of the report on the foreign
trade of China for the year 1906, by
Sir Alexander Hosie (Acting Commercial
Attache to the British Legation at Peking)—
to the general features of which we have
already referred—is devoted to that sub-
ject. In Manchuria the railway lines from
Port Arthur, Tairen (Dairen), and New-
chang to K'un-ch'eng-tzu, together with a
few short lines which fell to Japan as the
result of the war, have been transferred to
the South Manchurian Railway Com-
pany, which will carry out the terms of
the additional agreement between
China and Japan of December 22, 1905.
The light line built by Japan from
Moukden to Antung (187 miles in length)
has also been transferred to the same
company, which will maintain, work, and
improve the whole system, "so as to
make it fit for the conveyance of the com-
mercial and industrial goods of all nations."
The line, also built by Japan, from the
Moukden railway station westward for 36
miles has been purchased by China, and
has been incorporated in the Imperial
Railways of North China, and the altera-
tion of the gauge from 3 ft. 6 in. to
standard has been practically completed.
The line from K'un-ch'eng-tzu to Harbin
and east and west to the Russian frontier
remains in Russian hands as the Chinese
Eastern Railway, which in Chinese ter-
ritory is now curtailed to 1,672 miles.

The Imperial Railways of North China
in 1906 had another prosperous year; for
although the gross receipts fell from
\$12,943,000 to \$12,191,000, there was a
balance of \$8,761,000 after meeting all
working charges. Deducting repayment of
loan, payment of interest, and other
charges, including the reconstruction of
Boxer damage, and setting aside \$1,740,000
for improvements, a sum of \$5,068,000 was
left, of which \$3,574,000 was paid to the
Imperial Government and \$1,857,000 was
contributed towards the construction of
the Feng-tai-Peking-Kalgan line. At
the close of September, 1906, the North
China lines had a credit balance of
\$6,928,000. The Peking-Kalgan line
was open to traffic at the close of Septem-
ber last year as far as Nan K'un, a distance
of 35 miles from Peking, and is in good
working order. The rest of the line is
being vigorously proceeded with. Wash-
outs in the Province of Honan interrupted
for a time the traffic on the Peking-
Hankow Railway during 1906; but a
number of new culverts have been added
and other measures taken to prevent the
recurrence of floods. Sir Alexander
Hosie gives some interesting particulars
of his journey over the line from Hankow
to Peking, and he adds: "On an
average eight freight trains heavily laden
passed down during each of the three days
I spent on the line, but with the exception
of coal and salt—the latter in large quan-
tities, bound for Honan from the Lu'ai salt
works near Tientsin—most of the goods
were carried in covered sealed wagons,
whose contents it was impossible to
ascertain. Piece and other foreign goods
at the railway station at Hankow left
no doubt as to the nature of the up-
freight. In Hupai the principal crops
were wheat, peas, beans and paddy, for
the rice-seed beds were being sown;
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BIRTHS.

CLOUD.—On January 4, the wife of FREDERICK D. CLOUD, American Vice-Consul-General, a Son. Mother and son doing well.

GABE.—On January 4, at 56, North Soochow Road, Shanghai, the wife of LESLIE H. GABE, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.

HILL-HOOKING.—On Thursday, Jan. 9th, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, WALTER JOSEPH, only son of Fenton Walker Hill, of Huddersfield, England, and Bessie Hill, of Adelaide, eldest daughter of Thomas Hooking, of Newport, Monmouthshire, Melbourne and Goulburn Valley papers please copy.

DEATHS.

RICKETTS.—Miss CATHERINE MARIA RICKETTS, of the English Presbyterian Mission, Chao-chow-foo and Swatow, died at Chao-chow-foo on Saturday, 28th December, 1907, aged 65.

BELL.—On November 1, at Singapore, suddenly, CHARLES BELL, of Holzapfel's Compositions Company, Limited.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammett's Sales Rooms.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Chapter.

Miscellaneous.

Goods for St. Patrick undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.—

Goods per Palawan not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Goods per Glenroy not cleared on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Bishop's Lodge (South), the Post.

Goods per Yarra undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.—

Goods per Devanah not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.—

Goods per Bendueh undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Kera undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1908.

APPEALS.

Once again we feel constrained to direct the attention of the Government to the farcical condition of affairs which exists in this Colony in regard to the Appellate Court. An appeal from the decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott was decided on Wednesday by a Full Court consisting of the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge. His Honour Sir Francis Pigott held that the decision given by His Honour Sir Francis Pigott which was the subject of the appeal must be held. His Honour Mr Justice Wise held that the decision of His Honour Sir Francis Pigott should be set aside. But, as a majority verdict is impossible in the circumstances the conclusion by the Chief Justice that his former decision must stand prevails. The position is intolerable. As we have invariably pointed out when referring to this matter we wish to cast no possible reflection upon anyone. In regard to the case in question the Chief Justice may be right or the Puisne Judge may be right—we neither know nor care. Our concern is not with the righteousness or unrighteousness of any particular verdict. Our objection to the present position is based on much broader grounds. The British judicial system very wisely recognises that all men, even judges, are fallible and gives parties the right to appeal against judgments in certain cases. It was clearly the intention to allow parties to appeal from an individual to a collective judgment, thus eliminating as far as possible, all danger of injustice. To speak plainly the residents of this Colony are denied the right of appeal enjoyed by British subjects in other parts of His Majesty's dominions. We are not permitted to appeal from the individual to the collective judgment. The appeal lies from the individual judgment to the same individual judgment. We feel convinced that this condition of things must be as objectionable to the Judges as to the parties. This is a matter of which the Government has had full cognizance for years but it has given no indication of a desire to seek for some method of arranging things so that we may possess the same legal opportunities as other British possessions. A right that is ours is denied to us simply because this is a Crown Colony and we have no power

to punish a Government in the selection of which we have no voice for wanton and continuous neglect of duty. As the Government seems determined to place the question of the appointment of a third judge into the pigeon-hole which contains so many other matters which are of pressing importance we think that the legal gentlemen of the colony should take action. There is, we believe, a legal association of some kind in Hongkong. The members of that body should meet and frame a petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking him to authorise the appointment of a third judge in Hongkong. We have little doubt that the present judges would gladly sign such a petition. By such an appointment all difficulties would be removed. The Full Court would then consist of three justices and appeals would be decided by the wisdom of the majority. Also the congestion of business in the Courts of which complaints are frequently made would be done away with. Unless the Government breaks all precedent by showing that it has realized that prompt action is necessary we recommend the legal profession to lose no time in getting a petition presented in the proper quarter.

ACCIDENT IN CENTRE STREET.

Early this morning a coolie employed, in company with others, in drawing a dust cart about, was seriously injured in Centro Street. The dust cart was being drawn down the hill and the coolie slipped and fell. Before the others could stop the cart one of the wheels had passed over the chest of the prostrate man. He was picked up and sent to the Government Civil Hospital, where he now lies. Though the injuries he received are serious they are not expected to prove fatal.

WORKMEN AT VARIANCE.

For some reason, at present unknown, the men on a lighter at the Taitoo Sugar Works, declined to allow a steam launch to tow the lighter, and as the coxswain of the steam launch persisted in doing his duty a row followed and the lightermen are alleged to have assaulted the man in charge of the steam launch. As a result of the trouble fifteen men were charged at the Magistrate's court this morning with intimidation. The hearing of the case was remanded.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

England beat France in a rugby match in Paris on January 1 by 19 points to nil. Messrs Caldwell, Macgregor and Co. send us an extremely useful calendar for 1908.

The adjourned enquiry into the death of Signaller R. H. Street was concluded to-day, a verdict of found drowned being recorded.

Mr E. J. Grist applied in the Bankruptcy Court to-day for the discharge of H. W. Matthey. Sir Francis Pigott granted the application but suspended the discharge for six months.

The appointment is gazetted at Singapore of Mr T. de M. L. Braddell, Judicial Commissioner, to act as Chief Judicial Commissioner, Federated Malay States, with effect from 9th December.

The owners of the Japanese steamer Thioo Maru, which was burned out up the Yangtze some months ago, have after the lapse of a considerable time, decided to have her repaired. The contract has been placed with the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co.

The British Minister is reported to have stated that the new regulations for the policing of the West River, Kwangtung, are not satisfactory and the Saiman case is not settled and China is not endeavouring to capture the pirates and therefore the British warships will not be withdrawn.

A London cable to the "Asahi" states that it is reported from Peking that the English are indignant because Japan has forbidden the extension of the Fokien Railway, for which a British contract has been signed. They say it is impossible to reconcile the prohibition with any rational interpretation of the open door policy.

Viceroy Hsi Liang has reported that the Yunnan-Annam Railway will soon reach Yunnan and it is necessary to reduce the concession from the French syndicate to place the railway under China's own control and to raise shares to provide funds for redeeming the same from various provinces.

The Chinese Press laws will be presented to the Throne on the 6th January, and compared with the British and Japanese press laws the Chinese Press Laws are severe on arguments and lenient on news items. It is reported that the Hongkong press laws have also been taken into consideration.

As good as a trip home, Imperial Draught Beer. Try it.

A TRIP IN TONKIN.

[BY G. R. FRANK.]

There are many worse places to go to for a holiday than Tonkin. It is within easy distance of Hongkong; yet how many know of the place from experience, or for that matter, in any way whatever. Indo-China for most part is an entirely blank country for most people, and it is unknown mainly because the French, unlike the seller of certain pills and the maker of certain soap, do not know the virtue of advertising. With a little judicious advertising Indo-China might easily be made one of the tourist resorts of the world. In Annam, for instance, there is much of interest to be seen. In Cambodia there are ancient structures that should attract all antiquarians. However for the moment I am concerned about Tonkin. Recently I traversed a little of that territory and in case what I saw will interest some I here set out what came within the range of my vision.

Leaving Hongkong on October 8 last we arrived at Haiphong, after a most enjoyable voyage, on the 12th. Haiphong is some distance up a river which is mostly charged with red oxide, and runs through country under heavy rice cultivation. This land is enriched every rainy season when the river overflows its banks and leaves a sediment brought down from the interior, where limestone mountains rise from 2,500 to 3,000 feet. The town of Haiphong is situated close to the river and its inhabitants comprise French, Chinese, and Annamites, the latter people seeming to be cleaner than are the Chinese. The streets, like most French cities, are wide and well laid out, and are kept in excellent condition, being made of broken linestones. Electricity supplies the light at night and the posts supporting the lamps are extremely ornamental. The town has many attractive looking houses, beautified by gardens and protected from the hot summer sun by umbrageous trees. So far as I could see the sanitary arrangements are very good. From an industrial point of view Haiphong does not offer much encouragement. I visited one large cotton spinning mill which apparently turns out excellent material. It is under the management of a Manchester man, and should make marked progress. A fact that struck me as strange was that the cotton is imported from America. This is not as it should be when it is considered that in many parts of the interior there are large tracts of land capable of producing very fine cotton. In some parts cotton is grown, but being planted in the native way loses quality owing to the thickness in which it is planted. The plants are stunted, the cotton pods are small, and the cotton short in staple, which militates against its being converted into good yarn. I am of the opinion that there is a fine field in the interior of this country for cotton cultivation which, if properly looked after, would give a better return than rice does. The land is rich in most parts and capable of producing heavy returns.

From Haiphong I journeyed to Hanoi by train—a three hours' trip through rice land all under crop. Hanoi is a charming city, and the gardens are a credit to it considering that they are but eight years old. In the centre of the city is a beautiful lake, and there are several others in the gardens. These are splendidly kept, and lend considerable picturesque interest to the city. Electric trams traverse many streets which are well kept, and lined by some fine buildings. From a commercial point of view the city seemed to be dead, but this is a characteristic of most Indo-China cities, the reason being that the places are mainly the residences of officials, the trading element being very much in the minority.

Hanoi boasts a more beautiful Opera House than that which graces Saigon. The old exhibition building erected for the Tonkin exposition of some years ago still stands but is rapidly falling into decay, the foundation being very unsatisfactory. Leaving Hanoi I proceeded by train to Lang-sou and later went as far as the railway could take me, then going by pony cart to a military post called Namhan. The only feature that impressed me at this place was the inn and its keeper, and which, as Alice would say in Wonderland, is the "curiouser." It is difficult to say. Without a tremor the keeper produced from a three star brandy bottle rum of a very raw type and when charged with perpetrating a fraud almost went into a fit with excitement. However we survived, and ultimately continued our journey on a rotten looking boat or river barge, worked by five women and three boys. After a five hours' voyage we landed at a settlement and took rickshaws to a military post, staying there the night. With six rickshaws, three horses and baggage wagons we left for the interior the next day. Rain made travelling hard, especially as we had to ascend mountains, seven hundred to a thousand feet above the surrounding country. Three miles from the Chinese frontier we came upon a military post situated upon a hill three hundred feet high and affording an uninterrupted view of a large extent of country. By the time a distant range of hills were reached four rickshaws and two horses were out of commission, though upon arriving at a native village we were fortunate in getting two pony carts that had been sent out to meet us.

(To be continued.)

BEWARE OF PNEUMONIA. If you have weak lungs, you have reason to fear pneumonia, and should keep a hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

DETECTIVE'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The sudden death of Chinese Detective 285 at the Police Station last night caused something of a sensation among the other Chinese in barracks, and vague rumours were bruited abroad as to the cause of death. It seems that the deceased had been slightly unwell of late and felt the cold weather keenly.

Yesterday he bought a woollen jacket to wear under his tunic and also some Chinese medicine, which he took at the Station. Shortly after taking the medicine he was seen to vomit and he afterwards lay down on his bed. During the evening one of the other Chinese detectives approached the recumbent form and saw to his surprise that the man was dead.

Chief Detective Inspector Hanson was sent for and he had the body removed to the Mortuary, where an examination was made, which showed that death was due to natural causes.

THE LILLIPUTIANS.

Pollard's Lilliputians had a most enthusiastic send-off last night, when a vaudeville entertainment—Sketchy Bits—was given. All the children did excellently and each item was vociferously cheered, in many cases the artists being recalled thrice and even more. The particular "bits," which seemed to find favour with the large audience, were the singing of Miss Ivy Pollard, Miss Olive Moore, Miss Ball, Miss Naylor, Miss McGorick, and of course, the brothers Heintz and Teddy McNamara. The many dances were also greatly appreciated. During the entertainment the stage was adorned with floral tributes and brown paper parcels, containing toys, etc., every child receiving some token. The "baby of the company"—Little Eileen—received a doll, with two complete outfits and the little youngster was delighted with her present. The extra clothes were needed to keep dolly warm, she naively remarked. At the conclusion of the performance the entire company assembled on the stage and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and the curtain was rung down to a lustily rendered National Anthem. The company left for Shanghai by the Japan.

CHESS EXHIBITION.

Blindfold Play.

At the City Hall yesterday afternoon Mr H. W. Langberg, under the auspices of the Chess Club, gave exhibitions of blindfold-play against Messrs Dastur, Souza, and Stevens. Mr Langberg played without seeing the boards, and was victorious in his three games. He played rapidly, and exhibited wonderful powers of memory. Following are the games:

No. 1 BOARD.

Langberg.	Dastur.
1 P-K 4	1 P-K 4
2 Kt-K B 3	2 Kt-Q B 3
3 B-K B 4	3 Kt-K B 3
4 P-Q 4	4 P-P
5 Castles	5 P-K 2
6 P-K 5	6 Kt-K 5
7 P-B 3	7 P-P
8 Q-Q 5	8 Castles
9 QxKt	9 P-Q 3
10 Kt-P	10 Kt-P K 5
11 Kt-Kt	11 P-Kt
12 Q-P	12 Kt-K B 3
13 Q-K Kt 3	13 B-K B 4
14 B-K B 4	14 P-Q B 3
15 Q-R-Q 1	15 Q-Kt 3
16 B-Kt 3	16 Q-R-B 1
17 B-K 3	17 Q B 2
18 R-Q 6	18 B-Kt 3
19 B-K 4	19 BxP
20 B-K B 4	20 BxKt
21 R-K 6	21 Q-R 3
22 BxP	22 B-B 4
23 K-R-K 1	23 Q-R Q 1
24 B-Q 6	24 B-Q B 6
25 BxR	25 BxR
26 Q-B 4	26 BxR
27 QxPch	27 RxQ
28 R-K 8 (mate)	

BOARD 2.

LANGBERG.	DE SOUZA.
1 P-K 4	1 P-K 4
2 Kt-Q B 3	2 B-Q B 4
3 P-K B 4	3 Q-B 3
4 Kt-K B 3	4 Kt-Q B 3
5 Kt-Q 5	5 Q-K 3
6 P-P	6 Kt-P
7 P-Q 4	7 Kt-Kt ch
8 P-Kt	8 B-Q Kt 3
9 P-K B 4	9 Q-Q B 3
10 P-B 3	10 Kt-B 3
11 Kt-K 3	11 Kt-P
12 R-K Kt 1	12 Kt-B 3
13 Kt-K B 5	13 Kt-R 4
14 B-K 5	14 Q-K 3
15 Kt-K 3	15 P-Q 4
16 P-K B 4	16 P-K Kt 3
17 P-B 5	17 Q-Q B 3
18 BxR	18 Q BxP
19 Kt-B	19 Q-K 3 ch
20 Q-K 2	20 QxQ
21 Kt-Q	21 K-Q 2
22 B-K 5	22 P-Kt
23 K-Q 2	23 R-Q 5
24 K-Q 2	24 P-Q B 4
25 B-K B 3	25 PxP
26 P-P	26 P-B 3
27 BxKt	27 P-B
28 BxP ch	28 Kt-B
29 P-P	29 B-Q 5
30 K-Q 3	30 BxP Kt 7
31 R-Q Kt 1	31 B-R 6
32 R-P	32 K-B 1
33 RxP R P	33 B-B 4
34 R-B 8 ch	34 K-B 2
35 R-Q Kt 1	35 P-B 5
36 R-K 7 ch	36 K-R 3
37 R-K Kt 8 ch	37 K-B 4
38 R-K 8	38 P-B 6
39 R-B 7 ch	39 Kt-Kt 5
40 R-K 8 ch	40 K-R 6
41 R-P (mate)	

Sir Clifton Robinson, the well-known English electrician, arrived at Yokohama on the 29th ult. by the P.M. steamer Korea, and was welcomed by a number of Japanese gentlemen interested in electric enterprises. After having taken tiffin at the Grand Hotel, Sir Clifton Robinson and family left for Tokyo by train. Arriving at Shimabashi, they were given a hearty welcome by representatives of electrical organizations, and put up at the Imperial Hotel. The object of Sir Clifton's visit to Japan (says the "Japan Gazette") is to investigate for capitalists the Sobu and other electric tramways.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CRIMEA VETERANS.

A Kingly Deed.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

His Majesty the King has inaugurated a Crimea Mutiny Veterans' Fund, heading the list with a donation of one thousand guineas.

The object of the fund is to relieve the veterans from the necessity of seeking refuge in the work-house, and the response to the appeal has been such that the total has now reached \$6,000.

AMERICA'S TARIFF.

A Revision Desired.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

Senator Beveridge has introduced a bill into the Senate at Washington, authorising the appointment of a commission composed of business men—not members of Congress—to revise the tariff.

THE GOVERNOR AT CANTON.

Entertained by Viceroy.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 10.

His Excellency the Viceroy of the Two Kwang entertained His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard and party at tiffin to-day at the Viceroyal Yamen. A special guard of honour escorted Sir Frederick Lugard.

THE KASHING RIOTERS.

Burn A School.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, January 10.

The Southern Presbyterian School at Dongshan, near Kashing, has been burned down by the Kashing rioters. All the foreigners are safe.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Leave of absence has been granted Captain B. A. Thompson, 3rd Middlesex Regiment.

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

THE IRISH JEWEL ROBBERY.

Enquiry Commission Appointed.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via London.)

The Irish Government has appointed a Commission to enquire into the jewel robbery which took place in Dublin Castle last July.

[A sensation was caused in Ireland when the news of this robbery was made known. The jewels included the regalia worn on state occasions by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Ulster King of Arms and Athlone Pursuivant at Arms and the discovery of the loss took place on July 6, just prior to the visit of the King and Queen to Ireland. The following is a description of the art treasures:-

A diamond star of the Grand Master of the Order of St. Patrick, composed of brilliant (Brazilian stones), consisting of points issuing from a centre enclosing a cross of rubies and a tress of emeralds and sky blue enamel with "Quis Separabit Mcdclxxxiii." in rose diamonds.

A diamond star of the Grand Master of the Order of St. Patrick set in silver, containing a tress of emeralds on a ruby cross surrounded by a sky blue enamel circle, with "Quis Separabit Mcdclxxxiii." in rose diamonds in a circle of large Brazilian stones surrounded by a harp in diamonds and a loop.

Five collars of Knights Companions of the Order of St. Patrick, composed of gold with roses and harps alternately tied together with knots of gold leaves enamel, and an Imperial jewelled crown surmounting a harp of gold, one having attached a badge of the Order, composed of Brazilian stones and the cross of St. Patrick in rubies, in blue enamel circle with motto "Quis Separabit Mcdclxxxiii." in rose diamonds, the whole enclosed by a wreath of tress of emeralds on a gold ground unenclosed in colours.

One dollar having attached a badge of the Order of St. Patrick wholly composed of enamel. Most of the collars had the names and dates of investiture of past Knights of the Order engraved on the backs of the links.

A dark maroon morocco jewel-box, locked, and wrapped in brown paper, and tied with string, with label attached, containing diamonds (Brazilian stones) and personal jewellery.—E.O., O.M.]

UNITED STATES FINANCE.

Washington, January 8. The Senate of Finance has introduced a Bill for an emergency currency of \$200,000,000, taxable as high as 6%, and refundable when the emergency is ended.

The issue will be secured and approved by State County Municipal Bonds.

BRITISH NAVAL HARBOURS.

London, January 9. The "Gazette" notices that British naval harbours at home and abroad must be approached with the greatest caution whenever the searchlights are seen in constant operation. Furthermore, in the event of relations becoming strained between Great Britain and another naval power, a ship must be prepared to be examined before entering port.

THE COTTON LOCK-OUT.

London, January 9. In the event of outside cotton firms joining the federation, 200,000 operatives will be involved in the lock-out. The press appeals for conciliation to avert an economic disaster of the first magnitude.

PORTUGAL AND BRAZIL.

London, January 9. The King of Portugal, who will visit Brazil on the occasion of the centenary of the opening of Brazilian ports to the trade of the world, will arrive at Rio de Janeiro on the 7th June.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

To-morrow we publish the second of a series of four articles on Rugby Football at home, by the well-known sporting scribe, Mr. E. H. D. Sewall. Mr. Sewall treats with the inter-University match and the prospects of the coming International matches, the first of which takes place between England and Wales on Saturday week.

DO NOT EXPERIMENT WITH CROUP.

WHEN a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it, and a quick cure is sure to follow. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

TEST CRICKET.

The Third Match.

Australia Batting.

ADELAIDE, Jan. 10, 2.50 p.m.

The third test match was commenced at the Cricket Ground to-day.

The weather was fine, the wicket good, and there was a good attendance of spectators. Noble won the toss and opened the Australians' first innings with Trumper, but both the Sydney cricketers failed to play up to their reputation and only added 19 runs between them.

McAlister and McCartney made a better showing, though runs came but slowly.

At the tiffin adjournment both were still in, the total being 75, McCartney having 40 to his credit and McAlister 16.

McCartney Bats Well.

ADELAIDE, January 10, 5.10 p.m.

On resuming McCartney batted well and compiled 75, and at the 4 o'clock adjournment five wickets were down for 182 runs.

The scores are:-

AUSTRALIA.

First Innings.

M. A. Noble	15
V. Trumper	4
C. G. McCartney	75
P. McAlister	28
W. Armstrong	17
V. Ransford, not out	32
C. Hill, not out	2
Sundries	9

Five wickets for... 182

A GAMBLING RAID.

Musicians Arrested.

Shekotskui was quiet last night—at least comparatively so, for the Chinese band was locked up. They had been gambling and Inspector Collett's men raided a house in which they were playing and arrested 23 men, all of whom were musicians, and the majority of whom were engaged to play at certain houses in the locality that evening. However, they spent the night in the cells instead and this morning two of their number were fined \$25 for being the keepers of a common gaming house, while the other 21 were fined \$2 each.

THE BALUCHI TRAGEDY.

Magisterial Enquiry.

An enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Waz Khan which occurred on December 27 was held at the Magistrate's to-day.

The following jurors were called:—Messrs E. J. Moses, P. H. Nye and B. Mori.

Abdoolah Khan said that on the night of the crime there were about twenty-three soldiers in the matched barracks with him, the deceased and Mahomed Khan being present. Witness was waked at about 4 a.m. by the sound of Mahomed Khan's voice, calling "Hi! Hi!" Confusion seems to have then reigned for witness said all were frightened and they reported the short creed used by Baluchis in times of danger. The light was burning dimly at the time. Other soldiers came in from other barracks and witness said: "The young man (Mahomed Khan) has got frightened," whereupon one of the men bent over Mahomed Khan and repeated a prayer.

On hearing his name called witness went over towards Mahomed Khan's bed and saw the later rise and fall against the bed. He also noticed blood on Mahomed Khan's face, and heard a slight sound which emanated from beneath Mahomed Khan's bed. The Jemadar was sent for and the body of the deceased was found. Witness did not see the body until stretcher men came in to remove it.

The deceased was an Afghani and had no right to be in the barracks. Had witness seen him enter the barracks he would have arrested him and handed him over to the guard.

The enquiry was not concluded when our report closed.

DARK IMPERIAL DRAUGHT BEER.

ONE often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold," when the truth is that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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A BANKRUPTCY POINT.

In the Bankruptcy Court this morning, before His Lordship Sir Francis Pigott, Mr. E. J. Grist appeared in support of the petition filed by the debtor firm (Mooch & Vismar & Co.) and stated that an affidavit on the file showed the assets to be \$80,000, and the liabilities about \$250,000.

His Lordship—I don't know about concurrence by the partner.

Mr. Grist—I think I can satisfy your Lordship on that point. Section 73 of our present ordinance is exactly the same as section 115 of the Bankruptcy Act at Home, which states that any two or more persons being partners, may take proceedings and be proceeded against in the name of the firm. In such a case the Court may order the names of the partners to be disclosed. In this case they have already been disclosed, and an affidavit sworn that the petition was filed with the consent of both partners. It is necessary to protect the assets of the estate in Hongkong to be divided among all the creditors, so the partner in Hongkong signs a petition in the name of the firm, and swears an affidavit that he does so with the consent of his other partner.

His Lordship—What was the practice settled some time ago; that a petition had to be signed by all the partners.

Mr. Grist—I don't think that was settled.

Mr. Morrill—In a case I had the proceedings were set aside because it was not.

Mr. Kemp (Official Trustee)—In that case a partner signed his own name, not that of the firm. I believe he could not get the consent of the other partners.

Mr. Grist—The rule at Home under that particular section of the Act is rule 261.

There is no doubt whatever under the Home practice, and where no rules have been made here I think we have always adopted the Home rules.

The petition was granted.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

To-morrow afternoon on the Club's Ground, commencing at 2 p.m. a match will be played against the "United Services." The following will represent the Club:—R. Hancock, H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, W. C. D. Turner, B. R. Makin, A. C. Claxton, H. R. Phillips, E. A. Fowler, J. Hall, H. D. Sharpen, Dr. Atkinson.

Boxing.

To-morrow evening the boxing contest between Billy Beller, the veteran weight champion, and Colvin Sims, of the U.S.S. Wilmington, will take place in the City Hall. A good contest is anticipated and this will be the last time Beller will fight in Hongkong before leaving for Australia.

Football.

THE HONG KONG MATCH.

The annual Hong Kong match between the Telegraphs and Jardines took place yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, the result being a win for the representatives of the "Princely House" by three goals to nil.

It was very evident before the match had been in progress long that some of the players had a very limited knowledge of Association and many were lamentably out of training. The Telegraphs opened the play and set the pace fast but after being driven back they were penned in their own half for a spell and mid-way through the game the success of Jardines was assured.

The latter team was the stronger all-round and they had most of the play, the game resulting, as stated, in a fairly easy win for them.

League Cricket.

Neither the Police nor the Civil Service has a league cricket fixture for to-morrow, but the latter are down to play the Y. M. C. A. at 2.15 on their own ground. The following will play for the Civil Service:—L. A. Wheat, F. T. Robins, A. Chawley, W. Gask, G. Hogarth, F. Bacon, A. Tucker, A. Thornhill, W. Cooper, McKay and H. Ellis.

The fact that the Blake Shield Competition is fixed for to-morrow will doubtless keep many Volunteers, who are also cricketers, from the field.

CRICKET-OWNERS' DEPARTMENT CORPS. This match will take place on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. on the ground of the former Club. The following will represent Cricketers:—L. E. Lammett (Capt.), M. E. Agor, R. Buss, A. O. Brown, R. Pestonji, J. D. Kinneir, G. Evans, E. Irving, F. Lammett, Manderson, and L. A. Rose.

HONGKONG "A" V. B.C.A. On the Military ground Happy Valley, to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. Hongkong "A" Team:—W. F. Brower, J. H. Chalmers, M. A. David, P. Jacks, S. S. Logan, J. Mackenzie, S. Moore, S. Robinson, H. H. Taylor, F. H. H. Stevens, and one other.

REGULATIONS FOR POLITICAL MEETINGS. The Board of Civil Administration has compiled regulations for political meetings to be presented to the Throne before the Chinese New Year. It is feared that when officials find any political meetings they will arrest all concerned at once and then there will be much trouble.

Visitors are always welcome at the Imperial Brewery, Wong Nei Chong Road.

YAU MATI HOSPITAL.

An Appeal.

The Yau mati Hospital Committee beg to appeal to the philanthropy of the British and Foreign Community in Hongkong on behalf of a hospital for Chinese which it is proposed to build on the Kowloon Peninsula. According to the last Census the Chinese population of Old and New Kowloon numbered 70,000. There is at present no hospital accommodation on the north side of the harbour and all sick people have to be sent across to Victoria.

Up to date subscriptions to the amount of \$51,250 have been collected and promises have been received of \$12,000 more. Plans have been prepared by Messrs. Palmer and Turner of a hospital to contain 210 beds. It is proposed not to do more at present than build the administrative block and accommodation for 70 patients and it is believed this will suffice for some years.

The Government has been approached and His Excellency the Governor has assured the Committee that he attaches very great importance to having a Chinese hospital in Kowloon and is anxious to give the utmost support that is practicable to the scheme. His Excellency has promised also to endeavour to obtain for the hospital a grant of a site, of an endowment of \$30,000, and of an annual subvention of \$5,500.

It has been calculated that subscriptions to the amount of \$-00,000 will permit of the hospital being built fully equipped and started free of debt and will with the help of annual subscriptions enable it to be maintained on a scale suitable for the present needs of the Peninsula.

European treatment will be offered to all Chinese who wish to avail themselves of it and a Chinese surgeon—a licentiate of the Hongkong College of Medicine—will be a member of the staff, whilst one of the members of the Government medical service will be visiting surgeon. Subscribers may therefore be assured that whilst the wishes of the Chinese will be met, the resources of modern science will be made use of. The hospital will be conducted as a branch of the Tung Wa Hospital.

(Signed) Ho Kai, Wei Yuk, Fung Wah-chin, Lau Chi-pak, Chai Chi-hing, Chai Shiu-kei, Chai Chung-hau, Ho Kam-tung, Ho Ngok-lai, Ku Fai-shan, Li Fung-shan, Li Yau-chin, Pan Yan-chin, Tang Chi-gong, Tong Lai-chin, Wu Hoi-chau. 6th January, 1908.

List of subscribers and amount of subscriptions for the erection of a hospital in Yau mati:

Tsui Ho Shi \$4,000; Ho Ngok Lau \$3,000; Lau Chin-ting and Shing Wo & Co., each \$2,000; Li Yau-chun, Choi Leep-chai, Kwok Siu-lau, Tang Lan-ko, Lam Heung-lun, Li Ping, Tang Chi-gong, Tang Lue-ting, Yan Wo & Co., Chap Shing & Co., Wong Kai-sun, Wong Lai-chun, Lo Kun-ting, Tung Koo, Chan Chik-uei and Chan Kung-uei, Hop Hing Hong, Ho Hui Shing, Un Fat Hong, Man Loong, each \$1,000.

Kwong Man Tai, and Chan Tsu-sun, each \$800.

Yung Yik-ting, Kin Tai-lung, Tong Lai-chun, Sin Tak-fai, Tai Wo Hong and, Ip Shun-kam, Chan Kit-shan, Chai Chi-hing, Mok Tso-chun, Wong Tsung-wa, each \$500.

Ho Chak-shung, \$400.

Un Lee, King Wo, Ip Shau-chi, Tsang King, Lai Kwai-pui, Li Fung-shan, each \$300.

Wei On, \$250.00.

Li Po Kwei, \$200.00.

Ho Tai-chang 300.00 and an annual subscription of \$100.

Chiu U-tin, U Tak Shing, Ip Oi-shan, A. W. Brewin, Chai Hing-kei Yau Cheung, Chan King-wan, Mok Yau-ling, Lai On, Fuk Lung, Leung Yau-pai, Ming Kee, Sin On-fai, Yi On & Co., Ho Shun-chun, Ku Chik Hing Tong, Po On & Co., Chun On & Co., Man On & Co., Chan Tze-wun, Leung Pui-chi, Pan Yan-chun, Shi Wo, Lau Chai Pak, Un Lai-chun, Ku Fai-shan, each \$200.

Chan Chun-chun, Tsung Wo, Fat Koo, Wu Wan-ching, Wong Lan-shang, Chan Kim-shin, Lo Cho-shan, Wu Hoi-chau, Shiu Lung, Tsung Ching-pu, Chan Lan-hin, Siu Shiu-shang, Un Shing, Ng Li-hing, Him Tai, Tso Shiu-wan, Au Wan-ching, Fok To-kei, Tsui Oi-kong, Li Shau-jin, Ko Shun-kam, Chung Shai, Chai Shiu-kei, Yung Shiu-pu, Fan Fat-shan, Ip Chung-kan, Chan Cheung-wing, Li Koi, Kwong Man-tung, Li Fung, Tsi Hong Comptroller Department, Lu Kang-shi, Wong Kwong Cheung, Lo Ming Yui, Wan Hoi, Lam Yim-lup, Kung Yau-shing, She Po-sham, each \$100.

Supplementary List.—Hongkong Procession 34,000.

Chan Pak-pang, \$1,000.

Tam Hok-po, \$300.

Wong Shu-lak, Tsung Koo, Ching Cheuk-nam, Fong Tung-yat, each \$200.

Ma Wang Kee, San Sze Shing, Wong Wa-yam, each \$150.

Ma Wong Kee, \$150.

U Tai, Leung Pui-ue, U Yam-ting, Wat Man-kei, Kwong Tak Cheung, Tsui Ping-nam, Tin Hing and Co., Wong Tsui Koo, Heung Man Kee, Kwong Shun, Wat Hip-sam, Tsui Hop, Ma Tsung Koo, Li Kie-chun, Ma Hoi-ching, Tsui Kwan-li, Chan Chi, Hung Cheung, Kwong Hip Lung, Yau Sul-chi, Wong Chiu, Chan In-nam, Mak Lou-chun, Shiu Fung, Chan Kam-chin, Shiu Cheung, Wing Hop Lung, Him Tai, Kwong Sze Shing, On Hing Lung, Yau Hing, Tsui Lung, Yi Fong, Lau King-shun, Tin Yuen, Cheung Yui Hung, Shan Cheung, each \$100.

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SUNNING RAILWAY.

A correspondent writing to the "N.C. Daily News" says:—Unlike the Canton and Samsui line the Sunning railway passes through a difficult country and has to take a winding course to negotiate the intervening hills.

The port of Kungyikfu, which is the northern terminus of the line, is another striking illustration of the enterprising spirit prevailing in this district. A large town with broad, straight streets has been planned, and many of the lots are already occupied. Unfortunately the buildings here, though ambitious in size, have been less substantially built, and the evidences of the ravages of last September's typhoon are still all too striking. The bunding here, however, will compare favourably with that in any European settlement, and the situation on a fine navigable river in the centre of so prosperous a district ought to make it a great trade-center—perhaps partly at the expense of the treaty-port of Kowloon.

Eventually it is intended to continue the line southwards to the sea-coast, where a port is even talked of on the lines of Kungyikfu, but capable of receiving vessels from foreign countries.

HOME SPORTING.

Our Special Letter.

LONDON, December 1.

FRANCE AND ATHLETICS.—The idea of associating a Frenchman with athletic sports twenty years ago would have been considered absurd, but time has brought about a wonderful change. Our neighbours across the Channel really had their interest aroused by the visit of the Manchester A. C. team to Paris in 1891. This combination, by the way—which included the late W. T. Young (who was shot in a cab in New York in 1903) and the writer—came over under condition which few sportsmen realize. These were that the Manchester A. C. paid the entire expenses and did not receive a penny from the English and French Clubs which benefited by the tour. That was a long time ago and the Americans are still waiting for an English Athletic Club to send over a team under like conditions.

To return to the progress of sports in France, the fact that representatives of that country scored the most points at the Olympic games of 1906 is significant. Then we saw Arnaud Massey beat our cricketers in the Open Golf Championship, while more recently the Covered Court Lawn Tennis Championship of London was annexed by a Frenchman. Our neighbours are also making great progress in other directions. Three of the four events at the last World's Cycle Championship were won by Frenchmen, while at swimming, football general athletics and even boxing (English style) they are making rapid improvement. All this is entirely satisfactory, for there is not the slightest doubt that healthy rivalry on the field of sport does more to create mutual respect and regard than all the efforts of diplomats.

On Saturday we had another example of how France had advanced in the Athletic world for a team representing the Racing Club de France defeated the Cambridge University Athletic team by five events to four. A significant feature of this was that both the one mile and the three miles races were won by the visitors and the manner of "Fleurbaey" strode away from A. H. Pearson, the Inter-Varsity cross country crack, was a revelation to the spectators at Fenners.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.—That the Oxford Varsity Cross-Country team will prove hard to beat in the coming Inter-Varsity contest at Roehampton is very evident. The dark blue runners easily defeated the Ranelagh Harriers on Saturday and the leading three finished in front of that fine performer, F. B. Thompson, who was first home for Ranelagh men.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES.—One hardly knows what to make of the officials who have the management of the Olympic Games of next year in their hands. They first announced that there would be no Marathon Race, as it would be impossible to disorganize the traffic for the last few miles. The writer at once protested against the dropping of the chief event and pointed out that it was possible to select a course which would permit of the runners finishing at the Stadium and yet without interfering with the traffic at all. That a Marathon Race would be held after all came as a welcome bit of news but why these responsible have selected a course which includes about two miles of tram lines near the finish is more than strange. Fortunately it is not too late to change the route and the "powers that be" will be very kind to the obvious if they do not do so.

GENERAL.—The attitude of the Henley Executive in barring all overseas competitors from the Henley Regatta of 1908 is bitterly condemned by many sportsmen. The idea that the Belgians cannot be allowed to defend the Grand Challenge Cup they hold is particularly galling to those who deplore any action likely to reflect on us as a sporting nation.

"Ranji" is to play for Sussex next season.

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ROUND THE WORLD SERVICE.

An Eight Months' Trip.

With the arrival of the steamer Malte on Tuesday next the first of the new type of steamers to be utilized by the Chargeurs Reunis Company—the largest but two of the French Steamship Companies—in their round the world service will have reached Hongkong. This service was only inaugurated in August, 1905, but the success which has attended the Company's enterprise is such that four new steamers have been ordered to enable the Company to provide a monthly service. At the present time cargo boats, capable of loading 7,000 deadweight, are engaged in this line, but it is now evident that larger and more commodious steamers are required.

To meet the requirements of the trade four vessels were ordered, two—the Malte and the Caylon—from Messrs Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, of the Tyne, and two—the Ouessant and the Corso—from a French firm at St. Nazaire. The two Tyne-built vessels have already been launched and one of them is the vessel which arrives on Tuesday. Both the French and English built boats are of the same size and dimensions, so that a reference to the Malte will suffice for each. The Malte is a handsome and well-equipped vessel of 8,321 tons gross, with cargo and passenger accommodation. She is capable of carrying 8,600 tons of cargo, and has excellent accommodation for fifty-six first-class passengers. Her dimensions are: Length over all, 500 feet; beam extreme, 55 feet 8 inches; and moulded depth, 30 feet 11 inches. She has all the most up-to-date appliances for the handling of cargo, including 18 winches and 21 derricks. Her foremast is of the tripod type, and immensely strong, so that by the aid of a powerful iron derrick a weight of 40 tons can be lifted. Four other of her derricks are capable of lifting ten tons each, whilst the lifting power of the rest is six tons apiece. Although primarily a cargo steamer, the Malte's passenger accommodation has been designed with a view to affording every possible comfort to those who travel in her. There are 24 single berth cabins, the dimensions being 11 feet 9 inches by 8 feet. Each cabin contains an iron bedstead, writing table, wardrobe, settee, steam-heater, and an electric fan. There are 16 double cabins, all equally well equipped. The ship is lighted throughout by electricity. In each double cabin are two large square portholes, whilst the single berth cabins have one large square window. The dining and smoking rooms are designed for the tropics, climates through which the vessel will trade. There is a comfortable library, and here there is a piano. On deck she carries 14 seamless steel boats. These are arranged on the upper deck, thus leaving plenty of room for the passengers on the promenade decks. Bath-rooms, equipped with shower-baths, and a laundry are notable features of the vessel's equipment.

The propelling machinery consists of two sets of triple-expansion engines, driving twin screws. Steam is supplied by six large single-ended boilers, working under forced draught at 180 lb. pressure. The contract speed is 18.75 knots, but on her trials the Malte reached a speed of 16.6 knots. The machinery has been constructed by the Wallsend Slipway and Engineering Company, of Wallsend-on-Tyne.

She carries a crew of about 80, all told. The sailors, firemen, boys, and petty officers are berthed in the fore-cabin, and their apartments have been fitted out in a very comfortable manner. Both for sailors and firemen separate bath and washing rooms are provided, and the dining-rooms for the men are separate from their sleeping quarters. The ship's boys are also allotted a room to themselves. There is a special apartment for the apprentices who are carried on the company's steamers and trained with a view to their becoming officers.

The round-the-world trip is a most interesting one and to those who can spare the time is all that can be desired. The vessels leave Antwerp for Dunkirk and after loading proceed eastward, via the Suez Canal, to Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Chinwaigat, Tientsin, Peking, Kobe, and Yokohama. Then they go across the Pacific to Honolulu and San Francisco, proceeding thence northward to all the Puget Sound ports and Nainaimo. Back again they steam to San Francisco and thence proceed to Mexican ports, including Mazatlan, Guaymas, and Santa Rosalia.

After calling at Central American ports, the steamers on their homeward passage touch at various West Coast ports and then pass through the Straits of Magellan into the Atlantic. A call is made at Montevideo, and occasionally at Brazilian ports, after which the liners proceed to the United Kingdom and finally, via Havre, and Dunkirk, to Antwerp. The round-the-world voyage from Antwerp to Antwerp occupies about 240 days.

The Chargeurs Reunis Company has now an extensive fleet of 42 vessels, including tugs and tenders, and the Company is still increasing its fleet. The oldest of its services is that between Europe and the River Plate. Three steamers a month are despatched in this trade. This is a cargo and emigrant service. The second line runs from Continental ports to the Brazil, calling at Portuguese ports, and also carrying cargo and emigrants. The third service is to the West Coast of Africa, the company carrying the mails for the French Government. The steamers which are despatched monthly from Havre and

Bordeaux, with the mails for the French possessions on the West African coast, proceeds to the Congo, and goes up the river as far as Matadi. A cargo, as well as a mail, service is also maintained regularly with the West African coast. The fourth steamer service is known as the Indo-China line from Dunkirk, Havre, Bordeaux, and Marseilles to Port Said, Colombo, Singapore, Saigon, Tourane and Haiphong, the return journey being made via the same ports. The steamers employed in this service carry first and second-class passengers, and also convey troops under contract with the French Government.

SIKH PROCESSION. We are requested by the President of the Sikh Singh Sabha to mention that a Sikh procession will be held on the 11th and 12th inst. Starting at 12.30 each day from the temple at the Happy Valley, to celebrate the birthday of Guru Govind Singh, the founder of the militant Sikh religion. This is the most important festival of the year for Sikhs and the President of the Singh Sabha asks us to make this known in the hope that managers of firms who have Sikhs in their employment will give leave to all men who can possibly be spared so as to enable them to accompany the procession.

WEATHER REPORT. The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 10th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen over China, and risen in Japan. The anticyclone still covers China and Japan and adjacent seas, pressure being highest over W. Japan.

Gradients are slight, and moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected in the afternoon. The cold front is in the South China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

